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## BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

| APPLICANT:         | CNX Gas Company LLC                  | )   | VIRGINIA GAS      |
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|                    |                                      | )   | AND OIL BOARD     |
| <b>RELIEF SOUG</b> | HT: CREATION OF THE DRILLING UNIT    | ) . |                   |
|                    | DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT A HERETO         | )   | DOCKET NO.        |
|                    | TO BE SERVED RRR29SH                 | )   | VGOB 11-0719-2974 |
|                    | (herein "Subject Drilling Unit"      | )   |                   |
|                    | PURSUANT TOVA. CODE                  | )   |                   |
|                    | § 45.1-361.20; AND APPROVAL OF WELL  | )   |                   |
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|                    | SUBJECT DRILLING UNIT                | )   | •                 |
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| RRR29              |                                      | )   |                   |
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| PATTE              | RSON QUADRANGLE                      | )   |                   |
| KNOX               | & NORTH GRUNDY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS | )   |                   |
| BUCHA              | ANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA                | )   |                   |

## REPORT OF THE BOARD

## **FINDINGS AND ORDER**

- 1. <u>Hearing Date and Place</u>: This matter came for final hearing before the Virginia Gas and Oil board (hereafter "Board") at 9:00 a.m. on **July 19, 2011** at the Russell County Conference Center, Lebanon, Virginia.
- 2. <u>Appearances</u>: Leslie K. Arrington and Mark A. Swartz appeared for the Applicant. Sharon M.B. Pigeon, Assistant Attorney General was present to advise the Board.
- 3. <u>Jurisdiction and Notice</u>: Pursuant to Va. Code § 45.1-361.1 et seq., the Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the subject matter. Based upon the evidence presented by Applicant, the Board also finds that the Applicant has (1) exercised due diligence in conducting a meaningful search of reasonably available sources to determine the identity and whereabouts of each gas and oil owner, coal owner, or mineral owner entitled by the VA. Code and Board Rules to Notice hereof; and (2) has represented to the Board that it has given notice to those parties (hereafter sometimes "person(s)" whether referring to individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, companies, businesses, trusts, joint ventures or other legal entities) entitled by Va. Code § 45.1-361.19 to notice of the Application filed herein; Whereupon, the Board hereby finds that the notices given herein satisfy all statutory requirements, Board rule requirements and the minimum standards of due process.
- 4. <u>Relief Requested</u>: Applicant requests (1) that pursuant to Va. Code § 45.1-361.20, the Board establish Subject Drilling Unit to be served by **RRR29SH**; (2) that the proposed location of **RRR29SH** be approved.
  - 5. Relief Granted: The relief requested above shall be and hereby is granted.
- 5.1 The Board hereby: (1) establishes Subject Drilling Unit pursuant to Va. Code § 45.1-361.20; (2) allows multiple wells within the drilling unit established hereby as depicted on Exhibit A; and (3) approves the location of **RRR29SH** as depicted on Exhibit A.
  - 6. Special Findings: The Board specifically and specially finds:

- 6.1 The proposed drilling unit is not an unreasonable or arbitrary exercise of a gas or oil owner's right to explore for or produce gas or oil.
- 6.2 Proposed drilling unit will not unreasonably interfere with the present or future mining of coal or other minerals.
  - 6.3 The acreage to be included in the order is 313.
- 6.4 The acreage mentioned above is to be embraced within the said drilling unit and which shall have the shape depicted in Exhibit A and further described in the Application.
  - 6.5 The proposed **RRR29SH** may be drilled in the subject drilling unit at the locations indicated.
  - 6.6 The said well shall not be subject to an allowable production.
- 6.7 The Board finds the subject drilling unit conforms to the mine development plan and corresponds with mine operations, including, without limitation, the drilling of multiple coalbed methane gas wells in the subject drilling unit.
- 7. <u>Mailing Of Order And Filing Of Affidavit</u>: Applicant or its Attorney shall file an affidavit with the Secretary of the Board within sixty (60) days after the date of recording of this Order stating that a true and correct copy of said Order was mailed within seven (7) days from the date of its receipt by the Applicant to each Respondent named in the Notice of hearing and whose address is known.
- 8. <u>Conclusion</u>: Therefore, the requested relief and all terms and provisions set forth above be and hereby are granted and IT IS SO ORDERED.
- 9. Appeals: Appeals of this Order are governed by the provisions of Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.9 which provides that any order or decision of the Board may be appealed to the appropriate circuit court.
- 10. <u>Effective Date</u>: This Order shall be effective as of the date of the Board's approval of this Application, which is set forth at Paragraph 1 above.

| DONE AND EXECUTED this day of February 20 by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.   | /<br>013, |
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| DONE AND PERFORMED this Order of the Board.  Done and Performed this day of February, I would be a staff, Virginia Gas and Oil Board.  | -<br>cy   |
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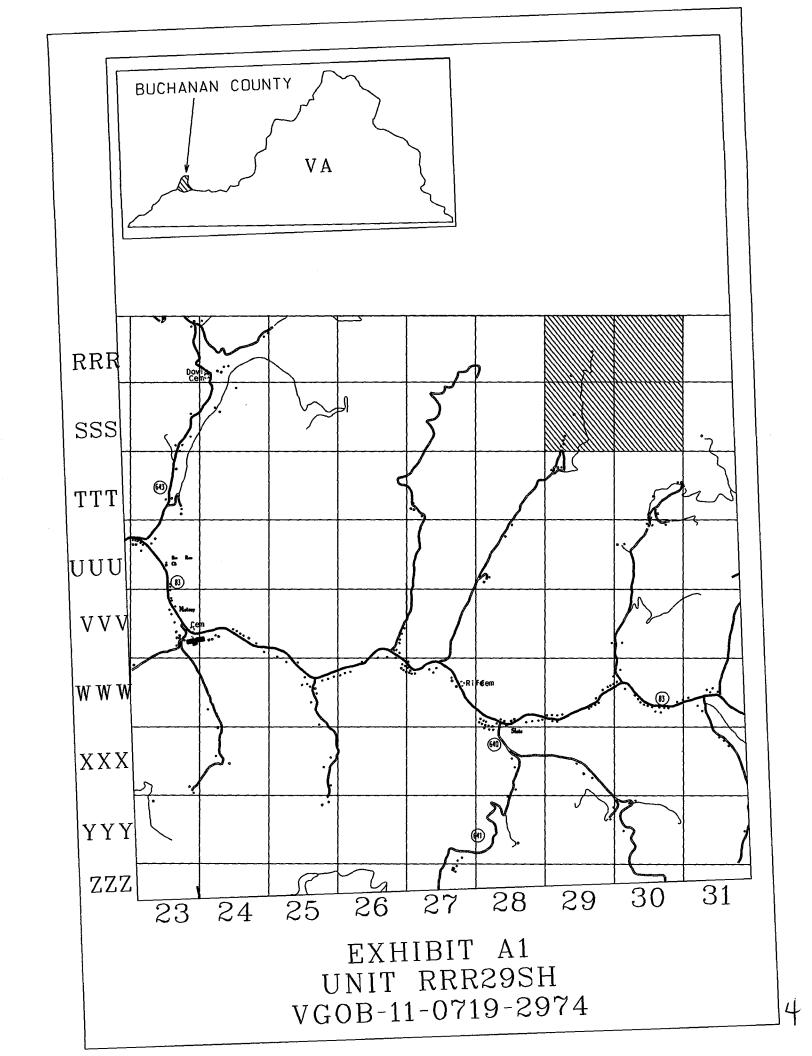
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